

Unit 1 Introduction Focus Questions

DIRECTIONS: Use the hints below to help you answer the Focus Questions. You will find all of the information in the Unit Introduction in your textbook.

1. What role did religion play in the settlement of North America by Europeans?

Hint: What caused the Pilgrims to leave Europe? _____

Hint: How were the settlers in Plymouth Colony different from those in the Massachusetts Bay colony? _____

2. How was the influence of religion reflected in the literature of the period?

Hint: What was the subject of many of the books written during this time? _____

3. What were the similarities and differences between Northern and Southern colonies?

Hint: What were some of the characteristics of Northern colonies? _____

Hint: What were some of the characteristics of Southern colonies? _____

4. What evidence of Puritan attitudes still exists today?

Hint: Think about the “Puritan ethic.” _____

Hint: Think about the Puritans’ stance on education. _____
